

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH MEETING

At approximately 8:00 a.m., January 4, 2005, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of administering a Written Practical Examination in prescription compounding and errors and omissions. All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Tom Dickson, Mr. Gary Schneider, and Ms. Jean Lemberg. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board of Pharmacy Surveyors Mr. Stu Vandenberg, Mr. Les Kotek, Mr. Byron Opstad, Ms. Michele Mattila, and Ms. Candice Fleming.

The following candidates, who have met all of the required prerequisites and who have presented properly executed applications, were present to write the examination administered as part of the Full Board Examination process.

**LEDA V. BAKER
MARCELLINE O. CHUCKUEMEKA
JILL M. CISEWSKI
SARAH B. CRIMMINS
STACIE M. DAULT
SREELATHA KALIDINDI
RENEE M. KIRKEBY
SUSAN R. KONEZNY**

**STACIE A. NEAL
TUNG T. NGUYEN
RICHARD H. PHAM
SUBHASHRI RAM
ERIN Z. SHELTON
JEFFREY S. WRIGHT
MA LOURDES F. YEPES
NETSANET YIBAREK**

The following retake candidates were also present to write the examination:

**DUC C. TRUONG
LILY ZELIXON-LASINKER
RUBA D. ABUGHAZALEH
TIFFANY M. DEKAM
JAMALEE D. HUNTLEY
MELANIE K. KLUCK**

**ERIC T. MATEY
YOUSIF T. MUHAMMAD
ASHOKRAJU V. PINNAMARAJU
ARCHANA REDDY
REKHA VENGAL**

The following reinstatement candidate was also present to write the examination:

LOREN ERICKSON

The following reciprocity candidate was also present to write the examination:

MICHAEL HILLMEYER

At approximately 8:30 a.m., January 5, 2005, the Board met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Tom Dickson. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Tiernee Murphy. In the absence of President Thomas Dickson, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Schneider.

After reviewing, amending, and approving the agenda for this meeting, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2004. Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2004, be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the election of officers for the coming year. For the office of President, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved to nominate Mr. Gary Schneider. Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Gary Schneider was elected to the office of President by a unanimous ballot.

For the office of Vice President, Ms. Betty Johnson moved to nominate Ms. Jean Lemberg. Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Jean Lemberg was elected to the office of Vice President by a unanimous ballot.

For the position of Executive Director, Ms. Betty Johnson moved that Mr. David Holmstrom be continued as the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded the nomination. There being no further candidates for the position the nominations were closed and Mr. David Holmstrom was elected to continue as Executive Director by a unanimous ballot.

For the position of Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs, Ms. Betty Johnson moved that Ms. Patricia Eggers be continued as the Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs. Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Patricia Eggers was elected to the position of Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs by a unanimous ballot.

At this time, Mr. Gary Schneider assumed the Presidency of the Board. Even though Mr. Tom Dickson was not present at this meeting, Mr. Schneider, upon assuming the position of President, recognized the service to the Board by Mr. Dickson and thanked him for his contributions.

Mr. Schneider next began a discussion of appointments to the Board's standing committees. After a brief discussion, the following committee appointments were made:

Continuing Education Advisory Task Force (Pharmacy Board Surveyor Stu Vandenberg, and Mr. Gary Schneider)
Committee on Professional Standards (Mr. Gary Schneider/Mr. Carleton Crawford, Ms. Jean Lemberg/Ms. Betty Johnson, and Ms. Kay Dvorak/Mr. Vern Kassekert) these three pairs of individuals will alternate as members of the Committee on Professional Standards
Examination Committee (All Members)
HPSP (Mr. Vern Kassekert)
Internship Committee (Ms. Kay Dvorak, Past Board Member Donald Gibson, and Pharmacy Board Surveyor Candice Fleming)
Rules and Legislation Committee (All Members)
Variance Committee (All Members to rotate through the committee meetings, two members per meeting)

The next item to come before the Board was the issue of continued membership in the National Association of Board's of Pharmacy. After a brief review of the many benefits derived from membership in NABP, including participation in the nation-wide reciprocity system of license transfer, established through NABP, the availability of the nationally-utilized NAPLEX and Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examinations, and participation in the National Disciplinary Clearinghouse, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board again renew its membership in NABP. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed its intention to maintain the requirement of graduation from an approved college of pharmacy in order to qualify to take the Board's licensing examination. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve, and adopt as its own, the current accreditation standards of the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and that the Board adopt the list of approved colleges of pharmacy established by ACPE as the list of colleges from which the Board will accept graduates as candidates for licensure. The colleges so listed have proven their compliance with the above-mentioned accreditation standards. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed its intention to accept, as candidates for licensure only those foreign pharmacy graduates who have met the required English proficiency standards and equivalency of education standards established in Minnesota Statutes 151.10, subd. 2. These candidates have been examined and certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board approve, and adopt as its own, those standards for certification established by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission and accept, as meeting those standards, only those graduates who have been properly certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since its last meeting. The first application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of ANW Skyway Pharmacy, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Clauson, Interim Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Curt's Pharmacy, in Waseca, Minnesota, by Ms. Jane Christopherson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of CVS Pharmacy #5999, in Mounds View, Minnesota, by Ms. Linda Cimbron, Assistant Secretary. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of CVS Pharmacy #7175, in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, by Ms. Linda Cimbron, Assistant Secretary. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Eden Prairie Pharmacy, in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Gustafson, Interim Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a

permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of First Choice Pharmacy, in Gaylord, Minnesota, by Ms. Jill Reinhardt, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Frank Pharmacy, in Milaca, Minnesota, by Ms. Jayme Westling, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The eighth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PrairieStone Pharmacy #15, in Bloomington, Minnesota, by Mr. Jim Cox, Director of Pharmacy Operations. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The ninth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PrairieStone Pharmacy #14, in Burnsville, Minnesota, by Mr. Jim Cox, Director of Pharmacy Operations. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The tenth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PrairieStone Pharmacy #13, in Minnetonka, Minnesota, by Mr. Jim Cox, Director of Pharmacy Operations. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of

the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The eleventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PrairieStone Pharmacy #11, in Richfield, Minnesota, by Ms. Gena Strasia, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The twelfth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Store #T-2025, in Andover, Minnesota, by Ms. Gretchen Johnson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The thirteenth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreen's #07218, in Blaine, Minnesota, by Ms. Jessica Kostka, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The fourteenth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-3404, in St. Anthony, Minnesota, by Ms. Judy Hull, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Pharmacy #10-3364, in West St. Paul, Minnesota, by Ms. Thi Diep, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the

application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with special attention being paid to the patient-counseling area of the pharmacy. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next led a discussion of the various letters and e-mails that have been exchanged with Ms. Michele Shuster and Ms. Jayme Moore, of the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter, regarding the Board's position on certain central-fill activities being described by Ms. Shuster and/or Ms. Moore. After briefly discussing the items contained in the documents from the Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter attorneys, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the Board defer action on the issues raised and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to obtain additional information from Ms. Moore and invite representatives to personally appear before the Board at its next meeting to further discuss these issues. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed the report from the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force. Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with a list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of October 12, 2004 and November 9, 2004. Mr. Carleton Crawford then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that those programs recommended for approval by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force be so approved and that those programs for which the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force recommended denial of approval be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the report of the Examination Committee. The first item was a presentation of the scores of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity and by examination. After a review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that, having passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination required of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
8787	Jamie Lynn Malstrom	AK
8788	Darla D. Noah	SC
8789	Janelle Catherine Kuntz	WI
8792	Michael Miller Messamore	TN
8795	Gabriel Tyler Bartoo	ID
8796	Joanna Grisik	PA
8797	Peter George Nasios	IL
8799	Frederick Michael Eskola	VA
8801	Abdihakim Hassan Hersi	NJ
8802	Kevin J. O'Rourke	IA
8803	Catherine M. Marsh	WI
8804	Kyle Joseph Roach	MO
8805	Maria Elizabeth Makarich	OH
8806	Lyndia Dianne Sims	VA

The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of candidates for licensure by Examination that have now completed all parts of the June 2004 Board Examination. For Full Board Examination candidates, the Board determined that, in grading the examinations, the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination weighted at 20% of the total, the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, and that the minimum passing score on each of those parts, as well as the minimum overall score, would be 75. With the passing level thus established, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the following candidates be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Vilayrath Sanavongsay	8782	118154-6
Janine I. Schaffer	8783	118155-9
Dina P. Spassova	8791	118163-0
Charles Benjamin Duff	8793	118165-6
Sally M. Klabo	8794	118166-9
Heidi Ann Barta	8798	118170-8

The Board next began a brief discussion led by Mr. Vern Kassekert regarding the Practical Examination of January 4, 2005, and whether the candidates should be informed of their performance on the examination separate and apart from the scores they might receive on the NAPLEX and MPJE Examinations. The Board concluded that Mr. Holmstrom should inform the candidates of the results in a separate mailing.

The Board's Internship Committee did not meet in the month of December and, as a result, there was no report from that committee.

Mr. Holmstrom next briefly summarized the progress being made on the development of proposed rules of the Board.

Mr. Holmstrom also outlined for the Board information he has received regarding possible legislative activity in areas that would be of interest to the Board.

The Board next addressed the [report from the Variance Committee](#).

The first Variance Committee issue to come before the Board was an appearance before the Board by Mr. Gary Boehler, Executive Vice President of Pharmacy, Thrifty Drug Stores Inc. Mr. Boehler was appearing before the Board to discuss the [Central Fill Pharmacy](#) operated by Thrifty White out of Fargo, North Dakota, which serves various Thrifty White pharmacies located in Minnesota.

After discussing the Central Fill Operation described by Mr. Boehler, the Board acknowledged that the Thrifty White Central Fill Operation from Fargo appears to meet all of the Board's requirements for this type of facility.

The second Variance Committee issue to come before the Board was an appearance before the Board by Mr. Tom Smith, Pharmacist-in-charge of Geritom Pharmacy, in Bloomington, Minnesota, and Mr. Jim Higley, a representative of Integra Inc., which markets a DocuTrack product, which allows pharmacies to move closer to a paperless operation. Mr. Smith and Mr. Higley discussed the DocuTrack system and how it would be utilized at Geritom Pharmacy.

After discussing the various issues involved, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board authorize the installation and use of DocuTrack at Geritom Pharmacy for a one-year period of time and require that Mr. Smith report back at the end of the year regarding the successes and failures of the system. The motion passed.

The third Variance Committee issue to come before the Board was an appearance before the Board by Mr. David Tomsche, DVM, Mr. Steve Anderson, RPh, and Mr. Dick Piefer, Business Manager for Stearns Vet Outlet Pharmacy. Dr. Tomsche, Pharmacist Anderson, and Mr. Piefer appeared before the Board to discuss a Variance Committee recommendation that the previously granted variance for Stearns Vet Outlet Store, which had been interpreted as allowing technicians to take orders for veterinary prescription drugs by phone, prepare the prescriptions, and dispense the prescriptions prior to checking by Pharmacist Anderson, be denied.

After thoroughly discussing the issues involved, the Board authorized the existing variance to remain in place until at least the Board's meeting scheduled for March 23, 2005. At the March meeting, the Board will expect a proposal from Stearns Vet Outlet Pharmacy as to how the various issues raised will be addressed. In addition, Mr. Holmstrom will convene a task force of interested parties in an attempt to determine whether statutory changes are needed in the way in which veterinary drugs are dispensed from large-scale operations such as Stearns.

The fourth Variance Committee issue to come before the Board was an appearance before the Board by Mr. Tim Gallagher and Mr. Jeremy Johnson, of Smart-Fill Pharmacy, in Austin, Minnesota. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Johnson appeared before the Board to discuss a Variance Committee recommendation of denial for a previously granted variance allowing the final certification of prescriptions at Smart-Fill to be performed by a technician with the pharmacist certification being performed at the community pharmacy that distributes the medication to the patient.

After discussing the issues involved, the Board took the position that the basic method of operation of Smart-Fill would be approved on condition that final certification is documented at the community pharmacy site. Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the variance extension being requested by Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Johnson be approved for a 90-day period of time and that during that 90-day time period each pharmacy using Smart-Fill must submit an individual variance request relating to the final certification of prescriptions prior to dispensing. The motion passed.

The fifth Variance Committee issue to come before the Board was a discussion regarding the telepharmacy project serving the Clearwater County Memorial Hospital Pharmacy, from Iverson Corner Drug, in Bemidji. The recommendation of the Variance Committee was to deny

the extension of the variance on the grounds that it appeared that a full-time pharmacist might be needed at the facility. Mr. Paul Iverson, President of Iverson Corner Drug, submitted written documents to the Board supporting an extension of the existing variance. After a lengthy discussion regarding pharmacy services to small rural hospitals and the amount of time spent at the Clearwater County Memorial Hospital by Pharmacist Gilling, from Iverson Corner Drug, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the telepharmacy variance be extended for a one-year period of time, but that the parties involved be informed that the Board expects the hospital to hire an on-site pharmacist to provide five-day-a-week service of at least one hour a day by the end of December of 2005. The motion passed with Ms. Jean Lemberg abstaining.

The final Variance Committee issue to come before the Board involves the naming of the remote pharmacy location that will be located in the new Heart and Vascular Center, on the Methodist Hospital Campus. Mr. Richard Bleck, Pharmacy Director for Park Nicollet Pharmacies, is requesting guidance regarding the interpretation of the statute that prohibits certain terminology to be used in conjunction with a facility not licensed as a pharmacy in Minnesota. After discussing the various possibilities suggested by Mr. Bleck, the Board took the position that it is up to Park Nicollet to decide on a name, but in doing so they should be cognizant of the statutory limitations.

The Board then acted to approve the remainder of the Variance Committee report with Mr. Carleton Crawford moving its passage and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconding. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a letter from Pharmacy Technician Joan Merritt regarding renewals of pharmacy technician registration, late fees, and the position previously taken by the Board that technicians who fail to renew their registration and discontinue practice as technicians, but who come back to the profession and seek re-registration within a two-year period of time, be required to pay back renewal fees plus late fees for the intervening time period. After discussing the issues raised by Ms. Merritt, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that Ms. Merritt's request that she not be assessed back fees and late fees be denied, but that Mr. Holmstrom inform Ms. Merritt that the Board will consider a rule change that would address the issue during its deliberations of the rule change package currently being developed. The motion passed.

At this time, Pharmacist Ken Majkowski appeared before the Board to provide the Board with information regarding the working of RxHub and how RxHub relates to the movement nationally toward electronic prescribing.

After receiving Mr. Majkowski's presentation and discussing RxHub operations, the Board thanked Mr. Majkowski for the enlightening presentation.

Mr. Holmstrom next reported to the Board on the contact he has had from Pharmacist Todd Sorenson, a faculty member at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, regarding the possibility of establishing a series of regular meetings between Board members and selected faculty and administration from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy campuses in both Minneapolis and Duluth. These meetings would be designed to informally discuss practice issues of mutual interest.

The Board indicated its support for such meetings and directed Mr. Holmstrom to pursue a schedule and an agenda with Mr. Sorenson.

The Board next held a brief discussion regarding the proposed meeting dates for June 2005, after which it was determined that the date would remain as previously scheduled.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, President Schneider adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
December 15, 2004

New Variances:

Stearns Vet Outlet Store (Melrose)
Stephen Anderson, PIC
Request permission to be pharmacist-in-charge at two separate locations
Approved – one year

Stearns Vet Outlet Store (Melrose)
Stephen Anderson, PIC
Request permission to allow technicians to take orders and prepare prescriptions
Denied

Stearns Vet Outlet Store (Melrose)
Stephen Anderson, PIC
Request permission to not have a patient-counseling area
Approved – one year

Stearns Vet Outlet Store (Melrose)
Stephen Anderson, PIC
Request permission to not comply with equipment requirements
Approved – one year

City Drug (International Falls)
Gary Anderson
Request permission to utilize the Pharmacy 2000 system in their pharmacy
Deferred (send revised policies and procedures, also provide more information regarding training, returns, labeling cells)

Corner Drug (LeSueur)
Ronald Grothe, PIC
Request permission to be able to handle drug samples on behalf of LeSueur Clinic
Deferred (send policies and procedures and pending surveyor visit)

CVS Pharmacy #6811 (Plymouth)
Jodi Robinson
Request permission to use electronic initialing during certification by the pharmacist
Approved – one year

CVS Pharmacy #6811 (Plymouth)
Jodi Robinson
Request permission to use electronic image in place of checking of the manufacturer's stock bottle during final certification
Approved – one year

Econofoods Pharmacy (Farmington)
Richard Gorcowski, PIC
Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP 100 in the pharmacy
Approved – one year (page 4, item XI. A. of policies and procedures should read "must" instead of "may," also, strongly discourage restocking)

Econofoods Pharmacy #328 (Red Wing)
Michelle Schimbeno, PIC
Request permission to store all patient information in a locked room in the basement of the store

Approved – one year

Fairview Edina Pharmacy (Edina)

Shelby Setniker-Eschiti, PIC

Request permission to stock and dispense sample medications for use by oncology patients

Approved – one year (under Policy #2 add "and medical staff," and #11 should be one prescription blank)

Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Princeton (Princeton)

Kurt Gramith, PIC

Request permission to store pharmacy records at the Fairview Zimmerman Clinic

Permanent

Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Zimmerman (Zimmerman)

Jennifer Riegel, PIC

Request permission to store pharmacy records at the Fairview Zimmerman Clinic

Permanent

Fairview Riverside Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Randy Kummerfeldt, PIC

Request permission to allow for storage of hard copy prescriptions in the medical office building

Permanent

First Choice Pharmacy (Gaylord)

Jill Reinhardt, PIC

Request permission to allow for prescription transfers by fax, rather than by telephone

Denied (just transfer by telephone)

Geritom Medical Inc. Pharmacy (Bloomington)

Tom Smith, PIC

Request permission to allow for storing incoming fax transmissions as an electronic image

Deferred (until Surveyor Stu Vandenberg visits)

Health Partners Central MN Clinic Pharmacy (St. Cloud)

Art Ruzanic, PIC

Request permission to allow a certified pharmacy technician/nurse to take new and/or changed prescriptions over the telephone

Denied

MedSave Family Pharmacy (Bemidji)

Richard Chernugal, PIC

Request permission to utilize certified technicians

Denied

Owatonna Hospital (Owatonna)

Miki Finnin, PIC

Request permission to allow an emergency kit at the Hospice House

Approved – one year (change 30ml Roxanol to unit dose)

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Burnsville)

Duane Fancher, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of ScriptPro SP200 in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (cassette refills must be checked by pharmacist, not spot checked)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Request permission to include 6 unit dose 1ml oral syringes of Roxanol 20mg/ml is added to the E-kit for Whitewater H.C.C.

Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #5 (Edina)

Sadie Christianson, PIC

Request permission to implement a free prescription pick-up and drop-off service for Best Buy employees located on the Best Buy Corporate Campus in Richfield

Approved – six months (make sure item #7 is an exception and not the rule)

PrairieStone Pharmacy #10 (Maple Grove)

Lynne Edstrom, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems

Deferred (send revised policies and procedures; they may want to review PrairieStone Pharmacy's in Wayzata)

Snyder's Drug Store #5088 (Woodbury)

Sherry Krueger, PIC

Request permission to accept medication returns from Woodbury Healthcare Center, in Woodbury

No Variance Necessary (send policies and procedures and moisture permeability studies)

Target Pharmacy T-847 (Virginia)

Jarin Groom, PIC

Request permission to be exempt from the Board's requirement of checking the manufacturer's original container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification process of prescription filling

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #756 (Karlstad)

Michael LaSalle, PIC

Request permission to be include lasix tablets in their emergency kit

Denied (use kit exchange, not item exchange; and surveyor visit)

Trumm Drug (Alexandria)

Mark Trumm, PIC

Request permission for variance that allows the operation of the Baker APS System in your pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption to the Board's requirement for checking the immediate container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification step of prescription filling)

Approved – two years

Walgreen's #02460 (Cambridge)

Charles Lander, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of automated counting Baker cells distributed by Baker APS Systems in their pharmacy

Deferred (cells or cassettes, and no "re-shops" per Walgreen's Corporate policy)

Walgreen's #1951 (Faribault)

Jennifer Walker, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of Baker APS Automated Counting System in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreen's #07727 (Winona)

Joseph Brennan, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in their pharmacy

Deferred (explain certification, and no "re-shops" per Walgreen's Corporate policy)

Wolf's Pharmacy (Wayzata)

Mark Wolf, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of McKesson APS Baker cells in their pharmacy

Approved – one year

Extensions to Current Variances:

Boynton Health Service Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Steve Cain, PIC

Extension of variance permitting your pharmacy dispense sample medications

Approved – one year (send us error data; and how many prescriptions they dispensed)

Clearwater County Memorial Hospital Pharmacy (Bagley)

Sheila Gilling, PIC

Extension of variance for telepharmacy program wherein you would be providing pharmacy services to the Clearwater County Hospital

Denied (hospital needs pharmacist on site five days a week) [see additional response]

Coborn's Pharmacy (Sauk Centre)

Dennis Heinen, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of a hospice emergency medication box at St. Michael's Hospice, in Sauk Centre

Approved – one year

Cub Pharmacy #690 (St. Louis Park)

Anthony Bose, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing them to receive, possess, and dispense sample medications to indigent patients from nearby cooperating clinics as a pilot project

Deferred (until Surveyor Les Kotek visits)

Duluth Clinic Pharmacy (Duluth)

Dianne Witten, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the McKesson P2000 Automated Prescription System within the pharmacy

Approved – one year (send error data next time)

Fairview Edina Pharmacy (Edina)

Shelby Setniker-Eschiti

Extension relates to variance allowing utilization of a "satellite" pharmacy in conjunction with Fairview Edina Pharmacy and Fairview Southdale Hospital

Approved – one year (send error data next time)

Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Kevin Weckwerth, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the pharmacy to stock and dispense sample medications for the physicians of the Fairview Hiawatha Clinic

Approved – one year (under Policy #2 add "and medical staff," and #11 should be one prescription blank)

Family Medical Clinic Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Heather Renteria, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

HealthEast Home Care Infusion Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Risa Eckardt, PIC

Request permission to store miscellaneous medical documents in a cabinet located in the RPh/RN team office area located just outside of the licensed pharmacy area of the HealthEast Home Care Infusion Pharmacy

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center - 4 North Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Thomas Thompson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

David Graves, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

Hennepin County Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Norman Wikelius, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the filling of refills from all four pharmacy locations, even if the original prescription was filled in one of the other HCMC pharmacy locations (the request being these transactions are treated as refills rather than prescription transfers)

Approved – one year

Pamida Pharmacy #311 (Pine City)

Dennis Guthmueller, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing utilization of a ScriptPro Pharmacy Automation Robotic Prescription Dispensing System SP 100 (specifically, you sought exemption from the Board's requirement that pharmacists check the manufacturer's original container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification process of prescription filling)

Approved – one year (contingent on sending us error data)

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Minnetonka)

Robert Huber, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of ScriptPro SP200 in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (cassette refills must be checked by pharmacist, not spot checked)

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (St. Louis Park)

Vicki Joerger, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of ScriptPro SP200 in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (cassette refills must be checked by pharmacist, not spot checked)

Progressive Health Care Bemidji (Bemidji) and

Clearwater County Memorial Hospital Pharmacy (Bagley)

Sheila Gilling, PIC

Extension of variance allowing you to serve a pharmacist-in-charge at both Progressive Health Care Bemidji, in Bemidji, and at Clearwater County Memorial Hospital, in Bagley

Denied (hospital needs pharmacist on site five days a week)

St. Francis Medical Center Pharmacy (Breckenridge)

Lori Meyer, PIC

Extension of variance allowing the addition of oral Lorazepam to the E-kit at the nursing home

Approved – two years

St. Michael's Hospital Pharmacy (Sauk Centre)

Dennis Heinen, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of a hospice emergency medication box at St. Michael's Hospice, in Sauk Centre

Approved – one year

Smart-Fill (Austin)
Jeremy Johnson, PIC
Extension of variance allowing the final certification of prescriptions to be performed by a technician
Denied (because off-site pharmacist is not doing it)

Snyder's Drug Store #5090 (Shakopee)
James Grapentine, PIC
Extension of variance allowing the utilization of the Baker Cell automated dispensing machine
Approved – one year (next time send error data)

Trumm Drug (Alexandria)
Mark Trumm, PIC
Extension of variance allowing the utilization of the Baker Productivity Station automated dispensing machines
Approved – two years

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
Brent Schicker, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting cells in the pharmacy
Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2039 (Minneapolis)
Lorie Reed, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting cassettes in the pharmacy
Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2139 (St. Paul)
Mark Lindgren, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing for the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting baker cassettes in the pharmacy
Deferred (no "re-shops" allowed)

West Side Community Health Services Pharmacy (St. Paul)
Daniel Rehrauer, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing compounding equipment in the pharmacy
Approved – one year

PIC Changes:

Coborn's Pharmacy #1 (Sauk Rapids)
Richard Senn, PIC
Extension of variance that allows them to store pharmacy prescriptions and other documents that are at least two years old at an off-site storage location in Coborn's Bartley Building located in St. Cloud
Approved – one year

Cub Pharmacy #639 (Eden Prairie)
Michael Doyle, PIC
Extension of variances that allows the utilization of the Baker Cell automated counting system in the pharmacy
Approved – one year

Faircare Rx #4 (Roseville)
Gregory Caruso, PIC
Extension is for variance that allows your pharmacy to not stock controlled substances
Approved – one year

Faircare Rx #4 (Roseville)
Gregory Caruso, PIC
Extension is for variance that allows your pharmacy to fill maintenance medications only
Approved – one year

Faircare Rx #4 (Roseville)
Gregory Caruso, PIC
Extension is for variance that allows your pharmacy to fill prescriptions for uninsured cash paying customers only
Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center-Riverside Campus Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
Kelly Ferkul (Interim Pharmacist-in-charge)
Extension is for variance that allows for utilization of the Tech-Check-Tech program at the pharmacy
Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – Riverside Campus (Minneapolis)
Kelly Ferkul (Interim Pharmacist-in-charge)
Extension is for variance that allows the storage of the NCR copy of medication orders for 30 days with the original copy being kept in the patient's chart
Approved – one year (recommend keeping high-risk and calculated orders)

Fairview University Medical Center – Riverside Campus (Minneapolis)
Kelly Ferkul (Interim Pharmacist-in-charge)
Extension is for variance that allows the storage of records off site
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Wayzata)
David Hydukovich, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the installation of a prescription drop box at the pharmacy
Approved – one year

Regions Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy (St. Paul)
Craig Harvey, PIC
Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of an automated counting machine at your pharmacy with prescription verification/certification being made using NDC numbers and a video image of the drug being dispensed at the Regions Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy
Approved – one year (send new policies and procedures)

Snyder's Drug Store #5054 (Eden Prairie)
Margaret Scholberg, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing utilization of the Baker automated counting machine in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

Snyder's Drug Store #5066 (Minnetonka)
Chad Rieger, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing utilization of the ScriptPro automated counting machine in their pharmacy
Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-956 (Elk River)
Luke Bialka, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of automated counting machines and new prescription processing software in the pharmacy
Approved – one year (must do QA within 48 hours; see Maple Grove from last meeting)

Thrifty White Drug #727 (Waseca)

Teresa Eastman, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the ScriptPro Prescription Dispensing System in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #727 (Waseca)

Teresa Eastman, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #727 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #729 (Crookston)

Howard Wahl, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing Thrifty White Drug #729 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2661 (Apple Valley)

Adam Nachand, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #05635 (Brainerd)

Katherine Severson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of automated counting Baker cells in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to include no returns and define certification)

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Brooklyn Center)

Michael Malloy, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of Baker APS System's automated counting Baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to include no returns and define certification and ongoing training)

Walgreens Pharmacy #2509 (Edina)

Jason Carrollo, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Baker APS Systems automated cassettes in their pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to include no returns)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #1811 (Minneapolis)

Wendy Pilot, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in our pharmacy

Approved – one year (revised policies and procedures to include no returns and define certification)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2038 (Minneapolis)

Heidi McClelland, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of automated counting Baker cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in our pharmacy

Approved – one year (need policies and procedures to include no returns and define certification and ongoing training)